



DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY  
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WALTER REED ARMY MEDICAL CENTER  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20012

REPLY TO  
ATTENTION OF:

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According to our records, you were a participant in the chemical warfare tests with lysergic acid diethylamide (LSD) conducted by the Biomedical Laboratory, Edgewood Arsenal, Aberdeen Proving Ground, Maryland. Under the auspices of the Surgeon General, a followup study of volunteers who participated in these experiments will be conducted over the next two years. We earnestly solicit your cooperation and participation in this study.

The study will consist of providing all former participants with a comprehensive medical examination at an Army Medical Center. Through these examinations, we will attempt to first assess the overall health status of former participants and, second, to determine whether there have been any long-term after effects that might be traceable to participation in the LSD experiment.

In order to determine whether there have been any long-term medical or psychological effects, it is important that as many of the original volunteers as possible be evaluated. The Health Services Command will be requesting that all former participants come to an Army Medical Center where a complete medical and psychological examination will be accomplished. It is our hope that within the next 12-18 months we will be able to examine all former participants in LSD experiments who wish examinations. We wish to emphasize that all participation in this followup study will be of a purely voluntary nature. The Department of the Army will pay your transportation and per diem as well as the costs of the medical examination. Since it is anticipated that this will be a relatively thorough examination, it will take 4-5 days to accomplish it. Any information provided by participants will, of course, be afforded the same degree of confidentiality as are any other medical records. (All of the results of the followup examination will be provided to the individual examined and to a physician of his choice if they wish to.)

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Inclosed with this letter, you will find two forms that we request you fill out. The first form is one the completion of which is required under the provisions of the Privacy Act of 1974. It enables us to set up a file concerning information pertinent to your case and to arrange for your physical examination and to evaluate the results of that examination. These possible uses of the information are set forth in paragraph 3 of this form. The second form records your current address, telephone number, and Social Security number, as well as the time and place at which you received a psychoactive agent. We require this information so that we can stay in touch with you, schedule you for medical examination if you desire it, and also so that we might check our records concerning your participation in experiments sponsored by the Edgewood Laboratory to make sure that these records are correct in all their details. You may respond to this letter by indicating that you do not wish us to contact you concerning this followup. If this is your response, please be assured that this is the last communication you will receive from us. If you do desire to participate in the followup, the Health Services Command will be in touch with you. The purpose of the contact will be to describe the components of the medical followup examination, to confirm your choice to participate, and then to schedule your examination.

If you have any questions, or if you would like to discuss the examination or the study, please call the Medical Followup Evaluation Group at (202) 427-5210 (call collect) and ask for Mrs. Sotzsky. If for any reason you wish your appointment for examination in this followup study to be at an earlier date, do not hesitate to contact Mrs. Sotzsky. She will be pleased to either discuss the examination with you or provide you access to a physican or other health professional who will be happy to answer any questions you may have.

Our thanks for your consideration and cooperation.

Sincerely,



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